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BATTLES IN LOGAN COUNTY, W. VA., ARE COSTING MANY LIVES

Mob of Miners From Kanawha Valley Clashes With Officers of Logan.

The latest from the center of trouble was given us at noon Thursday by the Huntington Advertiser.

Thirty-two miners are known to have been killed on Wednesday.

There is a full in the fighting today, but the miners have shown no disposition to comply with the President's proclamation and martial law seems certain, with U. S. troops to enforce it. It is reported the miners have some TNT bombs. They have been firing rifles at the airplanes.

The mine war in West Virginia is worse than ever. Sympathizers of the union miners, estimated all the way from 2000 to 4000 men, are marching from Fayette and Kanawha counties to Mingo. Logan county is in the path of the march and Sheriff Don Chaffin prepared to prevent the mob from passing through the county.

On Wednesday the most serious clash occurred at Blaine, Logan county, when fourteen of the miners were killed and three of the Sheriff's defenders lost their lives. The latter were John Gore, deputy sheriff, and John Cofego and Jim Munsey, volunteers.

Appeals have flooded Washington for U. S. troops and on Tuesday President Harding issued a proclamation ordering the miners to disperse by Thursday noon. The proclamation was printed and thousands of copies dropped from airplanes on the marching raiders. They had paid no attention to it up to the last reports.

Logan authorities wired Washington Wednesday night that unless troops were sent at once the county would be attacked by 4000 to 6000 men. The sheriff has 1200 men and a number of machine guns and has arranged for reinforcements from other counties. Martial law was threatened by the President for Kanawha, Fayette, Boone, Logan and Mingo counties if the miners failed to disperse by noon Thursday of this week.

1000 men who saw service in the world war have volunteered to fight the miners. Twenty-five former army officers from Huntington, have volunteered and gone to the field.

Deech creek, Blair, Crooked creek and Mill creek are the places where most of the fighting occurred.

Troops at Camp Dix and Camp Sherman were ordered to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

Newspaper Man Sees Fighting. Hidden in a machine gun nest a correspondent of The Associated Press aided by field glasses today viewed the fighting along Crooked creek. The news was sent of Logan county defenses and the gun was manned by deputy sheriffs. Men constantly were seen scurrying about the mountain passes of the adjacent county of Boone. During the correspondent's stay he saw two members of the opposing force fall after being shot and the gunners told him they saw two men fall prior to his arrival.

The Crooked creek line extended for a distance of three miles on the ridge between Logan and Boone counties.

A mile distant were several buildings which protected the bands of armed men as they made an attempt to outflank county officers and get behind the ridge.

Time and again they tried to accomplish their purpose but at each attempt machine gun and rifle fire drove them back. It was during one of these sorties that the correspondent saw two men fall in the roadway. The machine gun bullets clipped the dust in front of and behind them preventing attempts at rescue.

On another occasion, a band of about fifty men came down the road between the buildings. A heavy fire from the ridge, however, caused them hastily to retreat, carrying four or five of their comrades on their shoulders.

Sharks With the Gentry Show Skin Local Men

Gentry Bros. show was here Tuesday. From the reports it seems that "short change artists" and "sure thing" gamblers were plentiful. Several citizens were robbed by the methods well known to circus fakirs. One man who lives on Little Blaine was smoothly separated from \$125.00. He had seen other men winning at the same game, but he did not suspect that they were partners of the thieves or employed by them to fool the innocent bystander who believes everything he thinks he sees. A suit was filed against the circus to recover the money and a settlement was made. The fraud was committed under the tent of a sideshow.

Another case was where a citizen very kindly accommodated a circus man by giving him a \$40 bill for smaller bills. The circus man "short changed" him for \$2. He kicked. The circus man apologized profusely took back the money, and right before his eyes counted both ends of a \$5 bill, a \$2 and a \$1 bill the next time and got away with the trick. A little later the accommodating citizen counted the money and found himself shy \$10.

MORAL:—Never bite at a stranger's game. Furthermore, take as little money as possible to a circus, and have it in small change. Let the circus men get rid of their change somewhere else.

16 Alleged Bootleggers Execute \$45,000 Bonds

Ashland, Ky., Aug. 30.—Given three examining trials before Judge E. Poe Harris of the Catterburg Police Court sixteen alleged bootleggers today were bound over to the grand jury under bonds aggregating \$45,000. All were able to give bond. The grand jury convenes next week. The men are as follows:

Stone and Harry Hart, Chas. Brown, Carl Berger, George Nicholson, Ralf Greene, Sam Weeks, Chas. McLaughlin, Roy Schillin, John Johnson, Cecil Johnson, Truman Altry, Geo. Brown, George Sutchison, H. H. Ends and Frank Schilling.

Louisa Ball Player Joins Southern Team

Alex Frazier, of Louisa, received a telegram this week to report to a professional baseball team at Charlotte, N. C., immediately for trial as catcher on the team. He left Wednesday morning for that place. The team is a member of one of the southern leagues. Alex is a good catcher and excellent batter and should make good in professional baseball.

PROF. GILMER ENGAGED FOR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Prof. N. Q. Gilmer of Toccoola, Miss., has been employed as a member of the faculty of the Lawrence county and Louisa High School, which will open in Masonic Hall September 12. He taught here last season and his work was very satisfactory. A third teacher will be added. Prof. Godby will be at the head of the school.

ASHLAND BOOSTERS TO VISIT SANDY VALLEY TOWNS

Special Train Will Carry 150 Men, a Band and a Quartette.

Ashland business men have arranged to make a boosting trip up the Big Sandy Valley September 14 and 15. A special train consisting of a baggage car, four pullmans and a diner will carry the boosters. A brass band and a male quartette will accompany the party. Some time will be spent in each of the towns up the Big Sandy.

Louisa will be the first stop. The train will arrive at 7:50 a. m., September 14, and remain until 9:50. An address of welcome will be made by Fred M. Vinson and speakers with the Ashland party will have some interesting things to say. Good music will intersperse the program. This will probably take place on the lawn of the Louisa Inn immediately after the arrival of the train.

An automobile ride will be taken over the city. And just here we want to request all citizens who have automobiles to have them on the ground in time to use in the drive. We want to show these prominent visitors all the courtesy possible.

The other cities in the valley are arranging to pay the boosters much attention.

The boosters will carry a moving picture machine to take pictures of the crowds and of places around Louisa. Later these films will be sent to Louisa and shown in the moving picture theater.

CHAUTAUQUA AT LOUISA SEPT. 10TH

A Radcliff Chautauqua course will be given at Louisa, September 10, 12, 13. Further notice of the program will be made next week.

A feature of special local interest will be the presence of Rev. L. E. McElowney of Charleston, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church South at Louisa. By invitation he will speak on Sunday, the 11th, in the tent and there will be no charge for admission. Mr. McElowney is a most pleasing speaker and he will be heard by a large crowd. The local committee made this arrangement to fill in the open date. The regular program of the Chautauqua will be rendered on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Vinson Family Reunion To Be Held Next Sunday

The Vinson family will hold their annual reunion at the home of L. K. Vinson near Glenhays, W. Va., on Sunday, September 4, 1921. All relatives and friends are invited. Col. Z. T. Vinson will address the people and part of his talk will be along the line of Anarchism, Bolshevism and socialism. Also, talks will be made by Rev. J. L. Vinson of Guyandotte, W. Va., and Fred M. Vinson of Louisa.

Train No. 8 and 29 will stop at residence so as to accommodate the people.

The three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Made, of Williamson, died Sunday night from pneumonia and whooping cough. The body was taken to Fort Gay for burial. This is the second loss suffered recently by Mr. and Mrs. Made, their baby having died about three weeks ago—Williamson News.

TWO MEN KILLED FRIDAY IN A RAID NEAR PAINTSVILLE

Paintsville Marshal and Dry Agent Are Victims of Alleged Moonshiners.

Two men who have not been apprehended by the authorities are blamed for the killing of two officers and the wounding of another by alleged moonshiners near Paintsville last Friday, in a dying statement made by Pate McKenzie, one of the alleged gang.

The two men are John Dye and H. Stambaugh for whom a searching party now is looking.

James Melvin, chief of police of Paintsville, and J. H. Reynolds, prohibition agent, were killed during the battle, which followed efforts of the officers to locate a still in the neighborhood of the McKenzie farm. Manual Fitzpatrick, assistant chief of police of Paintsville, was shot three times but it is thought he will recover. McKenzie was shot three times and is expected to die. He is at the Paintsville hospital.

Five men are in jail at Paintsville on charges of being implicated in the killings. They are Hugh McKenzie, from whose cabin the ambushers fired, the officers, and Ray McKenzie, brother of Pate McKenzie; Tolly King, Otto Young and Dennis Higgins. These men were arrested near the scene of the battle by a posse.

They were exonerated of blame by the statement of Pate McKenzie, who said that all of the shots were fired by Dye and Stambaugh and the officers.

In his statement McKenzie told the authorities where the still which caused all the trouble was located. He said it was on Stambaugh's farm, about two and a half miles from where the shooting occurred.

Intending to search for a still on the McKenzie farm, the three officers had tied their horse and were walking up a ravine when fired upon from a small cabin about fifty yards away, according to the story told by Fitzpatrick the surviving officer.

Before the shooting the men at the cabin hailed him and his fellow officers and ordered them not to go any further in the direction they were taking, according to Fitzpatrick. A volley of shots sounded almost immediately from the cabin, he said.

Melvin fired once before being killed and Reynolds shot at the attackers several times. Pate McKenzie did not have time to reach safety in the cabin and was shot three times. Fitzpatrick fired several times, he said. Another fusillade came from the cabin.

Melvin fell dead with a bullet in the head and another in the heart. Reynolds was shot in the head and in the body. Fitzpatrick was struck by buckshot in the head, arms and body.

Seeing that his companions were dead, Fitzpatrick gave up the fight against odds and, though suffering greatly from his wounds and loss of blood, managed to ride back to Paintsville. Immediately a posse was formed and hastened to the McKenzie place, which was surrounded. No resistance was offered by the alleged moonshiners and the three McKenzies submitted to being brought to Paintsville and were lodged in jail. Pate McKenzie was in a serious condition and was taken to a hospital.

Louisa "Lobacos" Lose Game to Wayne, 6 to 0

The Wayne, W. Va., ball team defeated Louisa last Sunday, the score being 6 to 0. Ferguson, on the mound for Wayne, struck out 17 men. Four runs and five hits were secured off McGuire, and Young were arrested.

The McKenzies have never been mixed up in any serious gunplay so far as is known, it is said.

Chief of Police Melvin leaves a widow and family.

Wayne

Wayne	h.	po.	a.
Burgess, 2b.	1	1	0
Spurlock, 1b.	1	1	0
E. Adkins, ss.	1	0	1
E. Mosser, rf.	0	1	2
C. Ferguson, p.	0	1	0
Brumfield, cf.	0	0	1
M. Ferguson, c.	3	0	0
G. Mosser, lb.	4	1	5
Bruce, 3b.	4	2	3
Totals.	33	9	27

Louisa	h.	po.	a.
Haynes, 2b.	0	0	1
Cain, 2b.	0	2	2
Tavener, c. 1b.	0	0	2
Short, lf.	0	0	0
Lovely, cf. p.	3	0	5
Peters, ss.	3	0	1
Burke, lb. c.	3	1	4
Wilson, rf.	3	0	0
McGuire, p. cf.	3	0	3
Totals.	31	3	24

Wayne . . . 0 0 1 0 3 2 0 0 x—6 9 1
Louisa . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 2

Struck Out—By Ferguson 17, by McGuire 3, by Lovely 2.

Base on Balls—Off Ferguson 0, off McGuire 3, off Lovely 0.

Left on bases—Wayne 6, Louisa 4. Stolen Bases—Burgess, Spurlock 2, E. Mosser.

Umpires—Cain and Maynard.

\$750 Offered for Alleged Slayer of Revenue Men

Rewards for arrest and conviction of Elbert Dye, alleged leader of the gang which killed J. H. Reynolds, prohibition agent, and James Melvin, Chief of Police, near Paintsville, Friday, now aggregate \$750. Gov. Edwin P. Morrow Monday offered \$500. Johnson county had previously offered \$250. Dye is believed to have fled to the mountains of Elliott county.

Miner Killed as Auto Overturns

Van Lear, Ky., Aug. 30.—The funeral services for Earl Gillespie, a miner for the Consolidation Coal Co., here, were held at his home yesterday.

Gillespie was instantly killed Sunday when an automobile he was driving ran over a bank on Buffalo creek and overturned. The accident occurred about three miles from Paintsville.

ASHLAND CHILD KILLED.

John Boggs, aged 7, died in Ashland a short time after he was hit by an automobile. He was one of ten children of John R. Boggs, who moved less than a month ago from Weebury, Floyd co., where Mr. Boggs is employed.

PIPE LINE CUTS SOMERSET STORAGE

Kentucky Producers Must Sell or Their Oil Will Not be Run.

The following order explains itself: To the Somerset Oil Producers: Some of the producers and dealers in Somerset oil are holding their balances in our lines to such an extent that tankage of the Cumberland Pipe Line Company is no longer available for such purpose. Any further increase of credit balances will make it necessary to stop running the production of those who wish to ship their oil or sell it for immediate shipment.

In order to prevent this slowing down of the line and curtailing of the production, it has been decided that beginning September 1, the amount run from each lease will depend on the amount shipped or sold to dealers who are making prompt shipments. In order that producers may dispose of the stock now at their wells, the Cumberland Pipe Line Company will endeavor to run all oil offered at the wells until September 1.

FOREST M. TOWL, President.

YOUNG MAN LOSES LIFE IN MINES

Wm. D. Ratcliff, age 23, was killed by a fall of slate in a coal mine near the home at Clifford, this county, ten miles up the river on Tuesday morning.

He was the only son of Roscoe Ratcliff, one of the best citizens of the county.

Bennett Salmon, aged about 45 years, was working with him and was imprisoned behind the slate fall which killed Ratcliff. When the men were missed the neighbors went into the mine and dug them out. It was a home mine and these men were getting out a winter supply for the use of their families.

W. D. was a son-in-law of Chas. B. Peters, and was an industrious, honorable young man. His death is a very sad blow to the community in which he had spent all his life. The grief-stricken family has the sympathy of all.

Later—More reliable information says that Ratcliff's father and brother-in-law were present and sitting outside of the mine when the accident occurred. It was a mine that had just been opened and the accident occurred within sight of those on the outside. His age was 26 and he leaves a wife and little daughter. His neighbors say he was one of the best and most industrious young men who ever grew up in the community.

MODERN STILL AT RUSSELL.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 30.—A sixty gallon still declared to be one of the most modern ever taken in the state, was seized by Deputy U. S. Marshal J. W. Davis, Sheriff Wm. Anderson and John Greenleaf in Greenup county near Russell, Ky., Marshal Davis reported today. The still was operated by a gasoline engine and the amount of labor required to operate it was declared negligible. One man who gave his name as Frank Engle was arrested with 33 gallons of moonshine which was destroyed.

NEW STORE MANAGER.

H. R. Brierly, who has been manager of McKinney Steel Company for the past few years, is moving to our town. He has a wife and little daughter. They will occupy the concrete house next door to the Louisa Inn. He will be store manager and stock keeper for the Justice store.

PROF. KENNISON PASSES INTO THE GREAT ETERNITY

Death Ends Sufferings of This Able Teacher and Preacher.

Prof. E. M. Kennison died at his home in Louisa last Saturday evening at 8:45, of Bright's disease, from which he had been a sufferer for more than a year. The end came rather suddenly, just after two Masonic brothers had assisted him in walking across the room; but death was not unexpected, for it was known that the fatal disease had reached the final stage.

The funeral was held in the auditorium of the Kentucky Normal College building on Monday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Roscoe Murray, of Parkersburg, W. Va., had charge of the services, in conjunction with the Masonic fraternity. A large crowd was present. Some beautiful floral pieces were sent by friends. A choir rendered some appropriate music, with special numbers consisting of a duet by Mrs. L. S. Johnson and Mrs. Norma Sullivan, and a solo by Miss Elizabeth Burgess.

Rev. J. D. Bell of the M. E. Church, South, read a scripture lesson and Dr. C. F. Anderson, of the local Baptist church, offered an impressive prayer. Rev. Murray, who was a pupil of Prof. Kennison's, read a historical sketch of the deceased and followed with a most eloquent and touching tribute. Then Rev. A. B. Withers, of Parkersburg, W. Va., one of Prof. Kennison's favorite classmates, spoke in the highest terms of the life and character of his departed friend.

The Masonic order then took charge of the service and conveyed the body to the cemetery on Pine Hill, where it was laid to rest.

Following is the sketch read by Rev. Murray:

"Edward Melville Kennison was born in Temple, Maine, June 7, 1870, fell asleep August 27, 1921, aged 51 years, 2 months and 20 days. At the age of 18 he was converted and united with a Congregational church. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry August 7, 1894 following his graduation from Bangor Theological Seminary. Two years later he graduated from the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, and in the same year, November 26, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Nora Stant, his classmate in college. The following five years were spent in pastorates in Western Pennsylvania. From the pastorate he became an instructor in the Kentucky Normal College then at Prestonsburg and later at Louisa. He gave 18 years service to this school and the people of Big Sandy Valley in the work to which he felt definitely called of God. He had been in failing health during the past 16 months, and thru it all he was patient and self-forgetful, until quietly and peacefully he fell asleep in the Lord.

His life was one of strenuous and unceasing labor in unselfish devotion to others. Hundreds of lives have been enriched through personal contact with him, and a multitude of friends sorrow in his removal."

Prof. Kennison is survived by his faithful and devoted wife whose sorrow is shared by many friends, and by hundreds of men and women and boys and girls who have studied under this able instructor.

For 12 years Prof. Kennison was active here in teaching the Bible and was recognized as an authority on the scriptures. He taught a Bible class on Thursday evenings and the Men's Bible class at the M. E. Church South until failing health, following influenza, forced him to give it up. Being a fine Greek and Hebrew scholar he used this knowledge to get a clearer rendering of the scriptures. He was a remarkable teacher and his loss is deeply felt. Quite often he supplied vacant dates in Louisa pulpits, and always was heard with pleasure and profit.

As a teacher in the higher branches of high school and college he was very thorough. He taught during long hours and was busy from early morning until late at night. No harder worker was ever in our midst. He was as nearly an unselfish man as we have ever known. He cared nothing for the material things of life, but wrought solely to the end of helping others. He believed he was called to be a teacher and he labored incessantly to fulfill his mission. Although only 51 years old, who will say that he had not accomplished the work of a full lifetime? Few who live out the "three score and ten years" have done as much service.

Prof. Kennison was fortunate in having a companion so thoroughly fitted by education, mentality, sympathy and ideals as is Mrs. Kennison. To her there goes forth from this community the sincerest condolences.

An Appreciation, By John Burns Horton.

The community was made sad Saturday night at the announcement of the death of Prof. Edward M. Kennison at his home here. No man has ever lived in Louisa who was more esteemed and loved by all who knew him than Prof. Kennison. As a man chosen of God, it can now be said of him, he has fought the good fight, he has finished his course and has entered into the joy of his Lord.

Edward Melville Kennison was born of sturdy New England stock, being a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

He was the youngest of a family of five, two brothers of which still live in Maine.

Prof. Kennison began his education at the age of four in the public schools of Maine, finishing High School at about the age of eighteen. Following that he felt the call to the ministry and entered Bangor Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1894. The latter part of the year 1894 and 1895, he spent as a minister in the Congregational Church at Rockport, Maine. In 1895 he was a student at the famous National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. From this institution he gained the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Arts. While there he met and married Miss Nora Stant of Bath, Indiana, who was also a student at the University. The years 1896-1901 Prof. and Mrs. Kennison spent in Pennsylvania where he was engaged in ministerial work. In 1901 they returned to the school at Lebanon for some special work and in 1902 they moved to Prestonsburg, Ky., and became closely identified with the Kentucky Normal College. They came to Louisa in 1906 when the College was moved here. And here the good man labored till the fall of 1920 when he was beset by the terrible disease which later claimed him.

Prof. Kennison was a man of great intellect and wide knowledge, having delved deep into the great truths of life as given by the great thinkers of all times. That he ranked first among the educators of Eastern Kentucky no one will deny. He was by endowment and habit an analytical genius and to this he owed much of his success in teaching. He always tore apart the subject in hand and reconstructed it in his own clear terms and gave it thus to his pupils.

He knew the value of time and had none to waste. There was never an idle moment with him. From dawn till far into the night, he labored over his school work or pored over some work that would add to his own knowledge. It will surprise most people to know that in addition to his school, Sunday School and Bible Class work, Prof. Kennison found time, since coming to Louisa, to earn by correspondence the honored degree of Master of Arts, from Potomac University and the degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Oberlin University.

Prof. Kennison was an ordained minister in the Congregational Church. And though he never ceased to be a splendid work in the Men's Bible Class and its Author, as was shown by his splendid work in the Men's Bible Class and the Teacher's Training Class of the M. E. Church South, he came to know that God desired him for a teacher and he felt that He desired him to teach in the Big Sandy Valley.

This explains his tireless efforts and unceasing energy for his main needs he about his Father's business, and with the fervor and zeal of a chosen man of God, he poured out upon all those who were fortunate enough to be in his classes, the essence, distilled by his great mind, of his years of diligent and careful study.

Three other things claimed the same careful and consecrated devotion as his school—the church, the Masonic lodge and his home, in which he was a happy, cheerful and devoted husband and companion.

Pure in thought, kind in words and deeds; unsullied in reputation; spotless in character; courteous in actions; devoted to all the world-wide things of life; living for his home, his fellowman and his God, he has been a blessing to the community and a benediction upon the lives of its youth.

No man has ever lived among us who will be more greatly missed. Indeed his death is a calamity to the entire valley. There will be many a tear stained eye in the heads of Big Sandy's lonely creeks and hollows, where lives some man or woman whose life and mind have been broadened and brightened by contact with Prof. Kennison.

One might question the wisdom of the Great Harvester in taking him, and thus robbing the world of his great mind. But his work is doubtless done. Who knows when the knowledge he bestowed will cease to exert an influence; who can foretell the achievements which the powers he set in motion, may produce; who knows to what heights his ideals may enable others to go? Who believes but that, like the ripples of the pond when an acorn falls, they shall go on and on to the uttermost parts of the earth?

The body of Prof. Kennison will lie peacefully on Pine Hill, overlooking the town and the valley for which he gave his life, till he shall rise to meet his beloved Lord, but his spirit lives to be blown on and on by the same Power which sends the gentle breeze moaning through the pine trees above his grave until many a heart and life shall be touched. And generations yet unborn shall rise up and call him blessed.

As one of his old pupils, who knew and loved him well, I can say of him, in the words of St. John: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish by this means to thank everyone who in any way gave their assistance in my great trouble. Every expression of sympathy whether of word or deed was received with deepest gratitude. I wish to mention particularly the nurse and the men who came to our relief so willingly and who so patiently and kindly cared for my beloved husband all through the last week of his life. The flowers and the music and the precious words of appreciation of him who has gone from us were also of great comfort to me. God bless and reward you all most graciously for all these loving services.

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